

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for overcoming in-grown hair comprising:
providing a cosmetic composition comprising:
 - 5 (i) from about 0.1 to about 30% by weight of malonic acid or a salt thereof; and
 - (ii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable carrier;applying the composition to an area of skin having in-grown hair prior
10 to, concurrently with or subsequent to removing hair by razor action from the area with in-grown hair.
2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is tris(hydroxymethyl)methylammonium malonate.
3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is ammonium malonate.
- 15 4. The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is triethanolammonium malonate.
5. The compound tris(hydroxymethyl)methylammonium malonate.

6. A method for overcoming in-grown hairs comprising:

providing a cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) from about 0.1 to about 30% by weight of a tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane neutralized salt of a C₂-C₄₀ carboxylic acid; and
- (ii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

applying the composition to an area of skin having in-grown hair prior to, concurrently with or subsequent to removing hair by razor action from the area with in-grown hair.